

BY HIS  
HIGHNES COUNCILL  
IN  
SCOTLAND,

For the GOVERNMENT thereof:

A DECLARATION, for putting in Execution the Laws in force against  
Jesuites, Seminary-Priests, and Trafficking-Papists.

**W**hereas the common Design and Practice of Jesuites, Seminary-Priests, and Trafficking Papists, to seduce the People of Scotland from the true Religion publicly profess in this Nation; And also to withdraw them from their due obedience to their Supreme Magistrate, and to stir up Sedition and Hostility within this Country, hath caused divers good Laws to be made against Jesuites, Seminary-Priests, and Trafficking Papists, which nevertheless, for want of due execution, have been rendered ineffectual in reference to the good ends thereby intended; which hath encouraged and emboldened many Jesuites, Seminary-Priests, and Trafficking Papists, to resort into this Nation, and to continue therein, in order to their carrying on the fore-mentioned Design; which the said Council (with trouble and grief) taking notice of, They, in discharge of their duty, do hereby Declare, That such Jesuites, Seminary-Priests, and Trafficking-Papists who shall after the Twentieth day of April next ensuing, in the year 1656. be found in any part of Scotland, or the Isles thereunto belonging, and apprehended, and be thereof duly convicted, shall be proceeded against according to the Laws of this Nation: And the said Council require all whom it doth, or shall concern, That they carefully put in Execution the said Laws and Statutes, against all such Jesuites, Seminary-Priests, and Trafficking-Papists, and every of them respectively.

Given at Edinburgh the One and twentieth day of March, 1656.

Signed in the Name, and by Order of the Council.

BROGHILL, President.

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Friday the 21. day of March, 1656.

At his Highness Council in EDINBURGH,

**O**rdere*d*, That the above Declaration be forthwith  
Printed and Published.

EMANUEL DOWNING, Cl. of the Council.

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EDINBURGH, Printed by Christopher Higgins, in Hart-Close,  
over against the Trone-Church, 1656.